

FORD, THEN HUGHES, MICHIGAN'S CHOICE

State Convention Ratifies Favorite Son, but Commends Justice to Delegates.

PROTECTION IS KEYNOTE

LANSING, Mich., May 3.—In the largest, best attended and most enthusiastic spring convention in the history of the oldest of the Michigan Republican parties today ratified the recent Presidential primary in so far as the selection of Henry Ford as a favorite son and first ballot candidate is concerned and then commended to its thirty delegates in the "Chicago" convention the name of Justice Hughes.

OLD LINERS WIN.

California Republican "Old Guard" Controls Delegation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Complete returns from 375 precincts out of 450 in California received late this afternoon confirm the sweeping victory of the regular Republicans over the United Republicans in yesterday's Presidential primaries.

These figures show that Roosevelt of the regular ticket received 64,534 votes, against 48,172 for the Progressive ticket. The Bourbons received 36,356 and the Bull Moose 7,600. Reports during the morning and early afternoon brought up the vote of the United delegates somewhat, but did not materially change the substantial majority piled up by the regulars in the contest for control of the Republican delegation to the Republican national convention at Chicago.

Although Francis V. Keessling, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican State Central Committee, declared as a leader in the regulars' ranks that the result of the election would be harmony in the Republican party of California, Guy C. Earl, chairman of the United Republican conference, attributed the victory to a desire on the part of the people to depose with the Democratic national administration.

The surprise of the election in San Francisco was the number of ballots cast on which the name of Henry Ford had been written in by voters.

HOOPER FOR SENATOR.

Tennessee Republicans Put Woman Suffrage in Platform.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 3.—The Republican State convention which met here today nominated Ben W. Hooper for United States Senator. John W. Overall for Governor, and declared for woman suffrage in its platform.

The convention was harmonious on the surface, but there was an undercurrent of discord, the delegation from the State at large representing a compromise between the two factions of Tennessee Republicans. This delegation consists of eight men, only two having one-half a vote. If the entire eight are not seated at Chicago, four will be delegates and four will be alternates.

The delegates are composed of Congressman R. W. Austin, H. Clay Evans, Newell Sanders, James S. Beasley, Frank Elgin, J. C. McCall, Robert Church and D. C. Schaefer.

Electors from the State at large are Albert F. Taylor and A. M. Hughes.

WILSON IS INDORSED.

Georgia Democrats Reelect Howell to National Committee.

MACON, Ga., May 3.—Georgia Democrats, in convention here today, selected delegates to the St. Louis convention, endorsed President Wilson and urged his re-nomination. William J. Harris, member of the Federal Trade Commission, was a speaker.

James R. Gray, editor of the Atlanta Journal, heads the St. Louis delegation. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, was again chosen National Committeeman.

The State committee fixed September 12 as the date for primary for Governor.

Friends of United States Judge Emory Speer bore to the Democratic convention here today a challenge from the Jurist to Senator Hoke Smith.

"You can tell Smith or Smith's friends that if he introduces that bill to re-elect Federal judges at 70 years I'll run him a race for the Senate when his term expires and we'll see what the hot bats will do."

COLONEL DODGES ROOT STAND.

Refuses to Enlighten Three Delegates Who Call.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., May 3.—Three delegates to the Chicago convention, two Republicans and one Progressive, told Col. Roosevelt today that under no circumstances would they support Elihu Root as a Presidential candidate.

The three delegates asked Col. Roosevelt today what his attitude was toward Senator Root and other candidates. They said afterward that the Colonel pointed to his statement of Monday and repeated what he had said then. That he had not expressed and did not intend to express himself as being for or against any man.

He told them that he had not said he was for Mr. Root or that he was opposed to Mr. Root, but that he hoped that the delegates who go to Chicago will nominate some man on whom Republicans and Progressives can combine, feeling that if it fell to the man who put into effect the principles set forth by the Colonel.

The delegates said that they would like to put in the names of their own and if they couldn't get Col. Roosevelt they would take Thomas Johnson of California.

LONGWORTH LOOKS AT FENCES.

Congressman in Inclination to See Friends About Senatorship.

CINCINNATI, May 3.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived home today from Washington to consult political friends regarding his possible candidacy for the United States Senatorship and to attend the May musical festival.

"I may have a statement to make in three or four days," he said, "but I am not going to make it until I have talked with some of the Ohio friends who are interested in the matter."

Mr. Longworth said the defeat of the Philippines bill was the first clean defeat for the Administration and it showed that President Wilson could not "put over" everything he wished.

An editorial in the Cincinnati Enquirer, published today, said that Mr. Longworth's return to Ohio was a sign that the Republican party in this region may indicate the coming support of Longworth. It also states the selection of Ohio Republican rather than Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland.

ROOT CAPTAINS HERE TOLD BOOM IS SPREADING FAST

Assured That Ten Colorado Delegates Are for Ex-Senator—See Gain in Defeat of Roosevelt Forces in California—Working for More Strength in Convention.

PROTECTION IS KEYNOTE

The returns from the California primaries of Tuesday, showing that the organization Republican ticket had triumphed over the "United Republicans"—the latter representing the Progressives and the Republicans who were once Progressives—were read with satisfaction yesterday at Root headquarters. Those who are promoting Mr. Root's candidacy here have been informed that a majority of the twenty-six delegates from California to the Republican national convention are favorable to the aspirations of the former Senator.

The decisive defeat of the Roosevelt adherents is accepted by Republicans as a good omen for the steadily growing feeling that the public party ought to nominate one of its own members at Chicago.

Another encouragement for the Root forces was the receipt of information from Colorado that ten of the delegates from that State were for Mr. Root. Two were uncertain, and the others being they might join with the others before the opening of the convention. It was said at the headquarters here that the Root forces would be for Root from the very first ballot.

Senator Wadsworth Expected.

Senator Wadsworth is expected to arrive here either today or tomorrow. Former Congressman Dwight, in charge of headquarters here, Monday morning, and is expected to arrive here either today or tomorrow.

Progress made since Mr. Root's candidacy was indirectly announced last Monday morning. Among other things, he talked over the situation with Mr. Dwight yesterday where Cornelius N. Bliss, Job E. Hodges and James R. Sheffield.

Among the Republican leaders who do not favor the candidacy of Mr. Root there is no doubt that Mr. Dwight and those behind him are making a determined effort to line up the delegates from this State for the former Senator. The assurance with which it was announced on Tuesday that from forty to forty-four of the delegates would vote for Root in the convention was not weakened by anything that the Hughes men could say yesterday.

It is not being asserted by Root's friends that the announcement of his candidacy has caused a wholesale falling away of delegates from Justice Hughes. But there is no question that the movement now under way to pick off a delegate here and there until the desirable majority is obtained.

Root men figure that with forty-four delegates convinced by arguments of party expediency and national need that Mr. Root is the most available candidate, considering all circumstances it will follow as night the day that two-thirds of the delegation will be for him when the vote is taken.

This plan of slowly, steadily convincing one delegate after another that Mr. Root is the party's man of the hour is being followed.

SAYS ALLIES WANT OUR WILL, NOT MEN

Chandler Parsons Anderson Believes America Should Enter the War.

Chandler Parsons Anderson, formerly counselor of the State Department, who recently obtained a settlement of the claims of the Chicago packers against the British Government, returned yesterday by the Anchor liner Tuscania. He said the terms of the settlement were very satisfactory and were due in part to a feeling of friendship of Great Britain to the United States.

Mr. Anderson said the Entente Allies did not want the United States to go into the war with warships and soldiers, but distinctly, not for publication however, did want the country to break with Germany and financially and morally assist the cause of the Entente. This would enable Mr. Anderson said, to have an active part in the peace settlement, which we should not have if we went in alone. If we fail to take an active interest on their side, the Allies think we should become, when the war was over, an "outsider among the nations of the world."

Even when he was in the State Department, Mr. Anderson said, he had a distinct impression that the United States would be compelled to enter the war. He believed now that if a break should come with Germany the President would put the case before Congress and the next act might be a declaration of war. Germany, he said, would stick at nothing.

"Germany strikes when Germany's hour strikes. There will be no waiting; anything may happen," said Mr. Anderson.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS AT FEAST.

Patriotism, Loyalty to Party and Preparedness Urged.

Patriotism to country, loyalty to party and national preparedness in the largest sense were the principal themes at the fifth annual dinner of the New York Young Republican Club at the Hotel Astor last night.

Major-General Leonard Wood brought the enthusiasm to a high pitch with a vigorous address on preparedness. Job E. Hodges spoke of the need of preparedness within the ranks of the Republican party. He said that the party must nominate a man for President who would represent the best ideals and interests of the party. James R. Sheffield, president of the Republican Club, took a similar viewpoint in his address.

Among those present at the dinner were William A. Prendergast, William Ziegler, Jr., John R. Tener, Frank Moss, Samuel S. Rowell, George W. Alden, William M. Calder, George W. Wickert and Edward R. Finch.

LABOR FORUM RAFTS ZABRISKIE.

Says School Principal Made Charges That Are Not True.

The Labor Forum issued yesterday a partial denial of the charges made by Edward J. Zabriskie, principal of the Washington Irving Day High School for girls.

"We will not attempt an answer in detail now," the statement says, "but some of Mr. Zabriskie's charges are absolutely untrue; others are symptoms of a type of pedagogical method which has little conception of democracy, free speech or the habits or needs of citizens of the United States."

The statement says the forum is ready to defend itself at a public hearing.

TAMMANY SEEKING SPOT TO RUN METZ

Hopes to Return Him to Congress From Some Strongly German District.

WAGNER BEING GROOMED

Herman A. Metz, ex-City Comptroller and ex-Representative from the Tenth District in Brooklyn, will be a candidate for Congress this year from some Manhattan district, if reports now generally circulated are to be credited. Mr. Metz has made no formal announcement of his candidacy, but it is understood that Charles F. Murphy and his associates in the Democratic organization have about decided that Mr. Metz will be one of the numerous candidates whom they will elect next fall.

The movement is said to have got to the stage of picking out some safe Democratic district from which to send Mr. Metz as a Representative. Since his marriage a few weeks ago Mr. Metz has lived in Manhattan and the expectation is that he will continue to do so.

While his home is uptown that will not interfere with running the ex-Representative from some district in the lower end of the island. When he was in Congress before Mr. Metz did not live in the district which he represented.

Mr. Metz's probable selection as a candidate in one of the great central Manhattan districts is put into the field this year a ticket that will meet all the requirements of a most peculiar political year. Among other things, there is a disposition to meet the demands of the German voters for a chance to show that among them are men worthy of complete confidence and respect as American citizens. Robert F. Wagner, State Senator, is going on the ticket as a candidate for the Supreme Court bench and Tammany workers are going to conceal the fact that he was born in Bavaria. The same promptings are said to be back of the candidacy of Mr. Metz, concerning whose German sympathies and Americanism no one has any doubt.

The indications are that Tammany Hall is bending every effort to put into the field this year a ticket that will bring out the organization's greatest strength. Every district leader has had it borne in upon him for months that 1917 is to be the great year and that the best way to prepare for it is to make a success of 1916.

With a record vote to its credit next fall Tammany Hall is expected to pitch into the municipal campaign of next year with uncommon zeal and hope of attainment.

HE WAITED AT THE CHURCH.

And All the While the Bride-elect Was in Police Court.

MONROVIA, N. J., May 3.—Instead of hearing a clergyman intone the marriage service in which she was to figure as a principal, Lillian O'Brien, 17 years old, stood before Recorder Keech today while a complaint charging her with theft was being read.

The girl was employed by F. J. Bird of Netcong, a railroad conductor. Bird's daughter, Myrtle, returned from an out-of-town visit several days ago and found that jewelry and money had been stolen. Miss O'Brien was arrested charged with the theft.

Since she had been married to John Burkhardt of Hackensack. When he got to the church he learned of the arrest. He was unable to raise \$100 bail for the girl and permission to marry her after her arrest was refused him.

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BACK WITH FRENCH WAR MEDALS AT 66

Veteran of 1870, a Citizen of Los Angeles, Says He'll Return to Trenches.

NOT DAUNTED BY WOUNDS

Los Angeles may hear in a few days the story of one of her grizzled citizens, a typical soldier of France of the period when the imperial and moustache distinguished the red legged little Gallic warriors of the empire.

He is George Le Mesnager, aged 66, veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, who arrived yesterday on the French liner Espagne, and who in piping times of peace is a notary in Los Angeles. He had been three years in California when, in 1870, his country called him. He fought through that war and returned to the United States, becoming a citizen.

When the Germans invaded France he took the first ship he could reach at this port and presented himself as a volunteer. Being physically perfect, they took him, and he was sent to the front as if he were of the same age as in the luckless days of the Franco-Prussian war. He was mustered into the 10th Infantry, and by gallant war promotion and wounds.

He was a color sergeant when Gen. Joffre gave him one of the three military medals that he wears, and he said yesterday that he cherished the memory of the meeting with his great commander and the salute in French style that Gen. Joffre gave him when he pinned the medal on his breast.

General asked him how old he was and he said "only 66," whereupon the General remarked that he should take a vacation. That is why he is here.

But he is going back, he says, in three months, the limit of his leave of absence, and help finish the job of fighting the "boches." He is supercilious about that.

Twice the color sergeant was wounded, once in the leg by shrapnel and once in the arm, but he says that were not serious hurts, and that he was only a little time off duty. He carries a cane, which he says was presented to him by a German shell. The shell burst and he was hit and uprooted a black thorn bush. Almost at his feet there fell the branch that later became the cane. He waved a military salute to the German front and said "Thank you." Then he fashioned the curling root of the stick into the head of a dachshund with his Yankee penknife and called it the Emperor Bill.

When the Espagne sailed from Bordeaux the sergeant was booked for passage in the second cabin. Capt. Esch noted the medals of the blue overcoated veteran and, after a talk with him, told him he could have the liberty of the ship, so he became a first cabin, second cabin and storage passenger, which perfectly accorded with his ideas of "liberty, equality and fraternity."

Naturally everybody with any martial spirit at all got him to tell his adventures in the two wars. He said there was a lot of difference between the methods of 70 and 1916, particularly in aerial fighting and gun range and destructiveness.

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FIGHT ON TO HEAD JERSEY DELEGATION

Strife Is Waged Between David Baird and State Chairman Bugbee.

TWO FAVOR ROOSEVELT

THENTON, N. J., May 3.—The strife for the chairmanship of the New Jersey delegation at the Chicago convention is not so much in the interest of or against any particular candidate for the Presidential nomination as it is to gain what ever advantage is possible in the campaign for the United States Senatorship and the Governorship. As ex-Governor Murphy told the delegates on Tuesday, it made no difference when they organized, now or in June, here in Trenton, on the train en route, or in Chicago, and that it had been customary to elect a chairman or spokesman when the convention city was reached.

More than a week ago the Camden friends and lieutenants of David Baird and letters to all of the delegates asking for their support for the Camden county boss for the chairmanship, on the plea that he had served his party for fifty years, and his friends thought it would be appropriate for the party to honor him thus on his political golden anniversary.

At once State Chairman Bugbee and his followers began to object and to urge that the honor was one belonging to him by reason of his leadership. To that time nobody had the slightest experience in the chairmanship at Chicago, which has never been regarded as a perquisite of a party leader. As a fact, Bugbee has never had the slightest experience in a political convention of any kind, nor had he rendered any party service until three years ago and put him at the head of the party in New Jersey.

Senate Aspirations.

Bugbee's friends are contending that Baird has already been honored